

The State of Texas

County of Harris This is to certify that I am  
acquainted with James T.  
D. Wilson, now and for many years past a resident  
of the City of Houston, County of Harris, in this  
State.

In the year Eighteen hundred  
and thirty five (1835) I was pilot on board  
the steamer Laura at the mouth of the Brazos  
river in this state. In the early part of the  
month of September of that year the Schooner  
"San Felipe" left. And arrived at Velasco from  
New Orleans, having on board as passengers the  
said James T. D. Wilson, Robt. Wilson, Stephen F.  
Austin, Peter W. Grayson, A. H. Jones and others.

At night of the day of the arrival of the  
"San Felipe" off the bar to the entrance to Velasco,  
she was attacked by the Mexican armed vessel  
"Correco" and a battle ensued, resulting in the  
capture next day of the Mexican vessel, by the  
"San Felipe" aided by the steamer Laura from  
Velasco. - James T. D. Wilson, and other passengers  
of the "San Felipe" participated in the battle -

The capture of the "Correco" (Capt Thompson,) was  
considered a very important event in the struggle  
which separated Texas from Mexico, and did much  
to strengthen and encourage the patriots of that  
day -

I suppose James T. D. Wilson to be about  
fifty years of age, and I believe him to be for  
this and other services, justly entitled to a pension  
under the Pension Act approved August 13<sup>a</sup> 1870.  
Houston November 8. 1870.

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Thomas J. Marshall